

BLONDE PHANTOM

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YOU MUSTN'T STOP ME!
ONE OF THOSE MODELS
IS A **MURDERESS!**

AND I SAY **YOU'RE** THE KILLER!
AND THIS **GUN** SAYS YOU'RE
NOT ENTERING THAT FASHION
SHOW TILL IT'S OVER!

IT'S TIME FOR THE
BLONDE PHANTOM
TO GET HERE! IF
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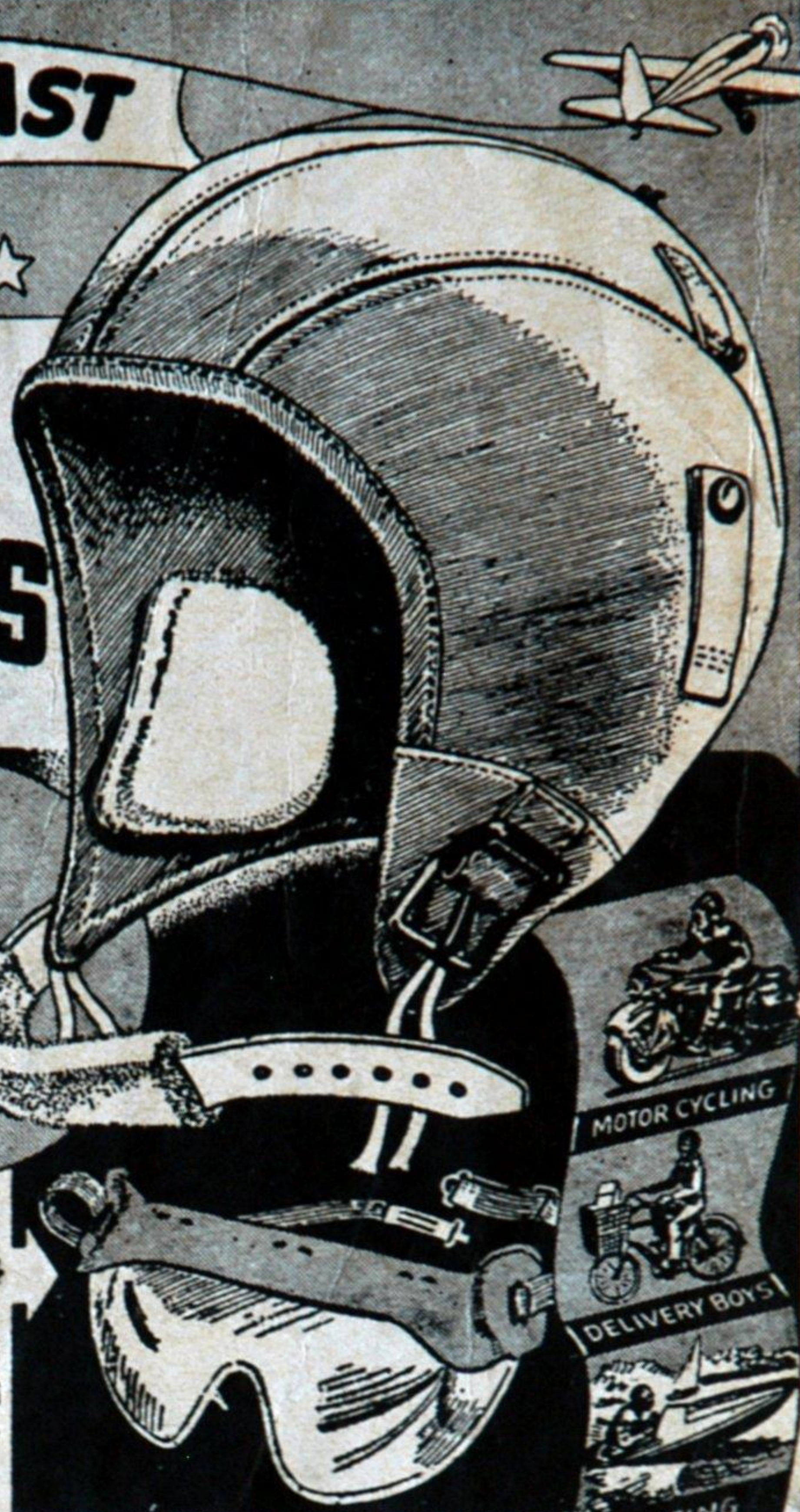
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BLONDE PHANTOM



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IN MARK MASON'S DETECTIVE AGENCY...

HERE'S AN ODD THING, LOUISE! FIVE CARLTON MODELS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR THEFT, BUT ALL CLAIM INNOCENCE!



SUDDENLY!

MR. MASON, I'M LINDA WATERS, A CARLTON MODEL! YOU **MUST** HELP ME!

LINDA WATERS! **YOU'RE** ONE OF THE MODELS WHO WAS ARRESTED!



YES! BUT I WAS RELEASED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE! I'M INNOCENT! I **DIDN'T** STEAL ANYTHING!

NO, I CAN'T! I'M AFRAID OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO ME THERE!

HEY, WAIT!

THEN YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO MR. CARLTON! YOU'VE NOTHING TO FEAR!



SECONDS LATER!

LATER, AT THE CARLTON MODEL AGENCY...

THAT GIRL WAS HYSTERICAL! IT'S STRANGE ABOUT THIS MODEL CRIME WAVE!

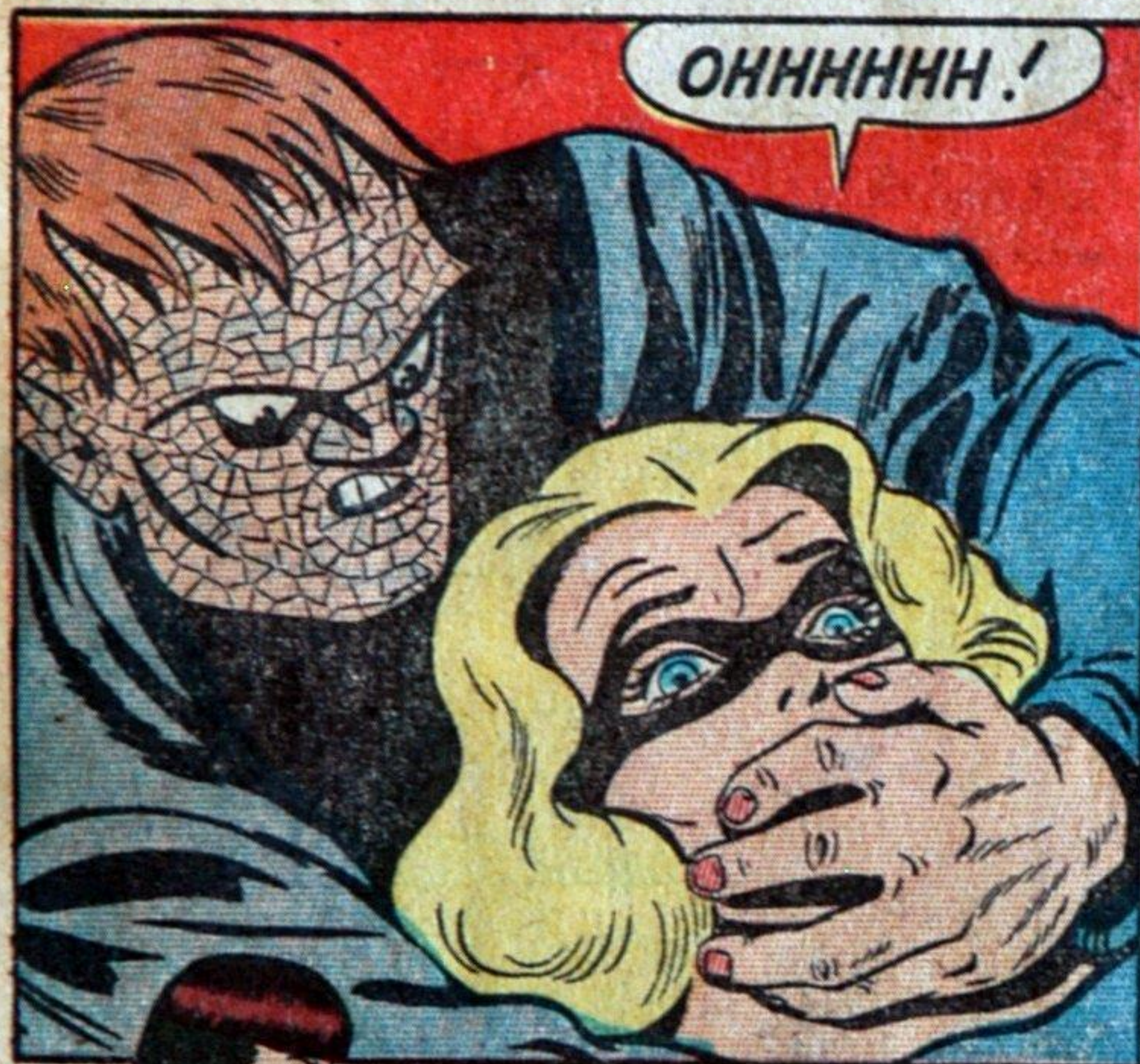
YOU CAN TELL ME **NOTHING** OF LINDA WATERS, MR. CARLTON?

ONLY THAT SHE IS A THIEF! NOW LEAVE ME ALONE! I'VE A SHOW TO PUT ON AT THE RITZ FASHION SALON!

I MUST CATCH HER, LOUISE! YOU WATCH THINGS HERE!

OH, NO! THE BLONDE PHANTOM IS GOING TO CALL ON THE CARLTON AGENCY!





HIS FACE WAS ONCE SHOT OFF AND A PLASTIC SURGEON BUILT IT UP AGAIN WITH PLASTER!

VENITA VAN, CARLTON'S ASSISTANT! NOW TAKE MY ADVICE AND LEAVE HERE WHILE YOU CAN!

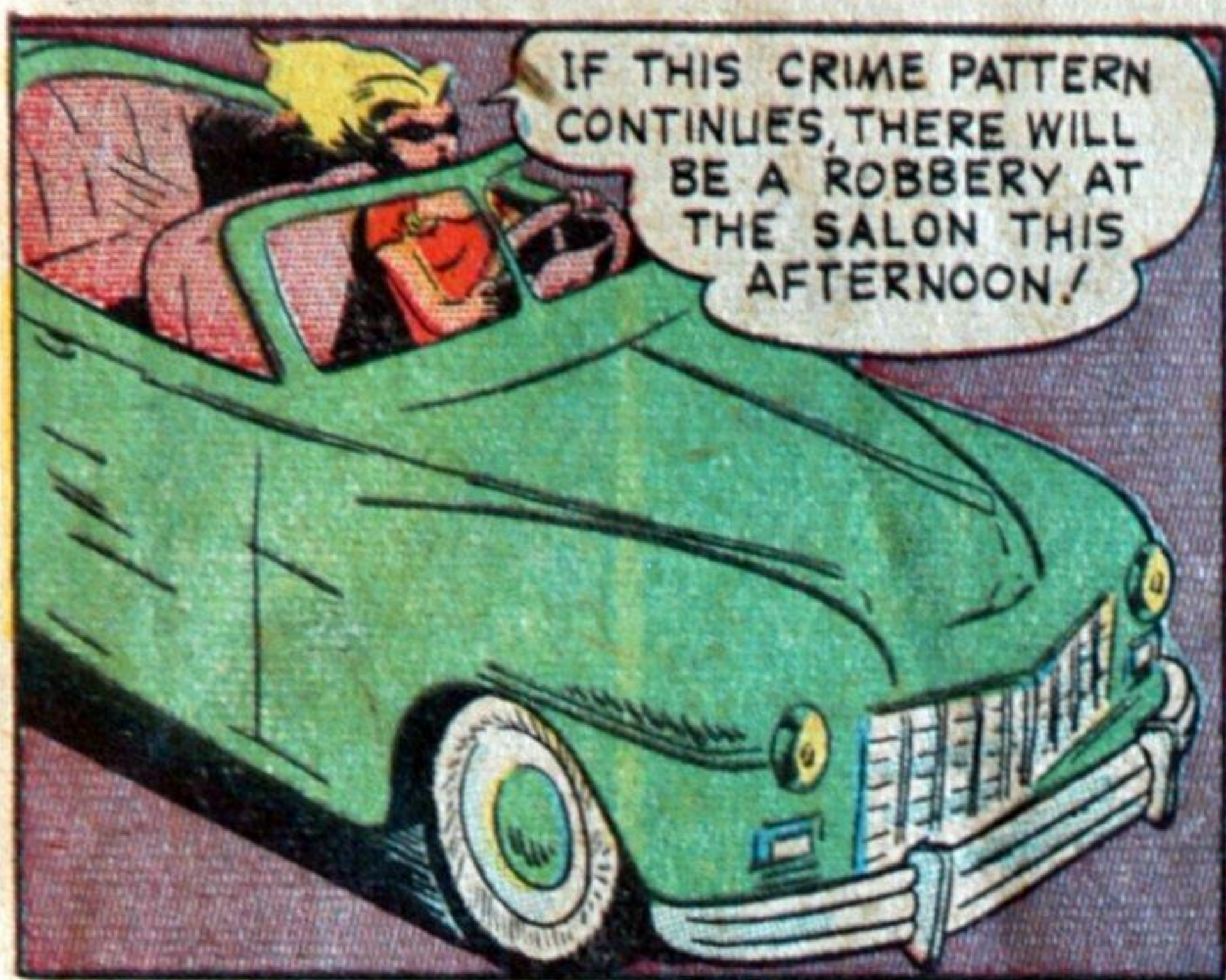
VERY WELL!

THAT COULD BE FRIENDLY ADVICE OR A THREAT!

AND WHO ARE YOU?







IF THIS CRIME PATTERN CONTINUES, THERE WILL BE A ROBBERY AT THE SALON THIS AFTERNOON!

SOON...



THE SHOW HAS STARTED! HERE COMES CARLTON, AND HE LOOKS ANGRY!

WILL YOU STOP MEDDLING IN MY AFFAIRS? IF DUBOISE SUSPECTS I'M BEING INVESTIGATED HE'LL STOP THE SHOW!

I'LL BE DISCREET! WHERE ARE THE DRESSING ROOMS?



I'LL SHOW YOU! BUT I WARN YOU, DON'T BOTHER MY MODELS!

SORRY, BUT I MUST QUESTION THEM! THERE'S BEEN A MURDER!



THE MODELS MUST ALL BE BUSY, BUT THEY'VE LEFT THEIR PURSES, AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT! IN ONE OF THESE PURSES, IS A CLUE TO MURDER!

MURDER!

YES! NOW JUST LET ME HANDLE THIS MY OWN WAY!

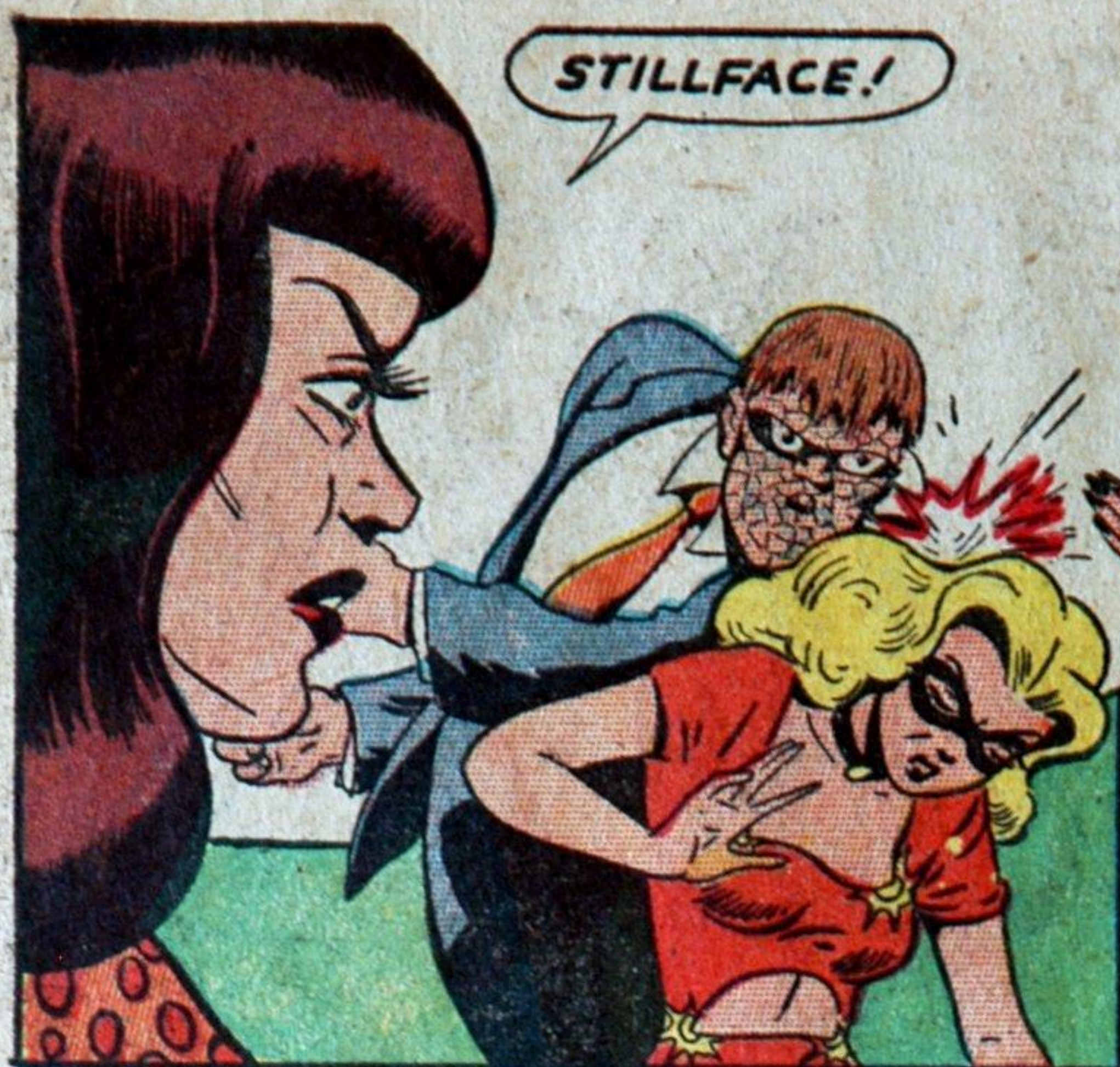


THEN...

CAN'T STAY OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS, EH, BLONDE PHANTOM?

WHAT?







FRANTICALLY, THE BLONDE PHANTOM'S FINGERS CLOSE AROUND A COLD CREAM JAR!





CARLTON WENT TOO FAR THIS TIME!

NOT CARLTON, MARK! HE ONLY WANTED TO AVOID BAD PUBLICITY! HERE, OPEN THIS BAG!



WHEW! IT'S FULL OF MONEY!

DUBOISE'S MONEY! AND YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND MORE PLANTED IN ONE OF THE MODEL'S PURSES!



YOU'RE STAYING TO FACE A CHARGE OF MURDERING LINDA WATERS!

OHHH!



NOW, WILL YOU CONFESS?

ALL RIGHT! I'VE BEEN **FRAMING** THE MODELS WITH PART OF EACH ROBBERY! I KILLED LINDA BECAUSE SHE GOT SUSPICIOUS OF ME. I LOVE CARLTON, BUT HE WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME! I TRIED TO RUIN HIM!



WHEN YOU KILLED LINDA YOU DROPPED **YOUR** LIPSTICK AND PICKED UP **HERS** BY MISTAKE! LINDA USED GARNET AND **YOU** WEAR RIO RED - BUT **JUST NOW YOU USED GARNET - LINDA'S BRAND!**



THAT WAS THE CLUE I NEEDED! SO I TOOK A CHANCE AND HAD MARK OPEN YOUR BAG!

AND SURE ENOUGH, LOOK FROM DUBOISE'S SAFE - YOUR **LAST THEFT!**



AFTER THE POLICE TAKE OVER...

NOW WE'VE TIME TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED, BLONDE PHANTOM!

MAYBE **NEXT** CASE, MARK! AU REVOIR!

THE END



AMERICAN FLYER



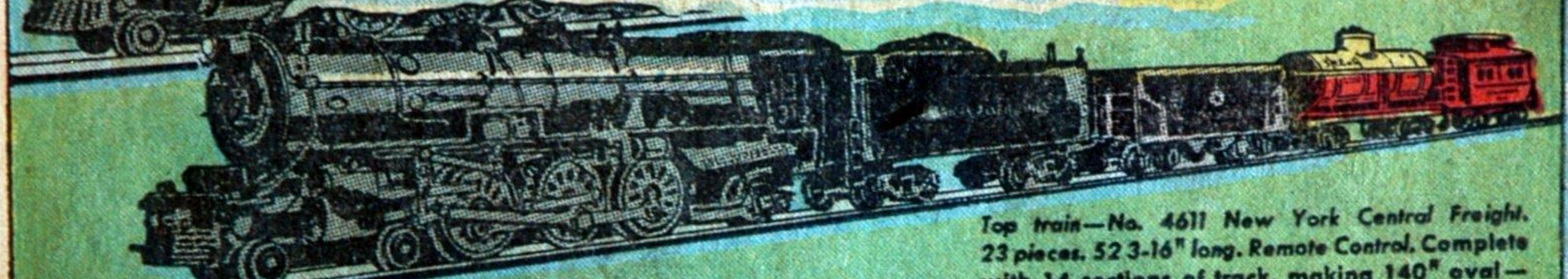
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"The MURDER at the MARDI GRAS!"



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IN ANTOINE'S MASQUER'S SHOP, THE AFTERNOON OF THE FAMED MARDI GRAS!

YOU CANNOT MOCK **ANTOINE**, MY PRETTY LOUISA! YOU ARE GOING TO MARRY **ANOTHER**! WHY DID YOU COME **HERE**?

I WANT A BEAUTIFUL **COSTUME** FOR THE MARDI GRAS!

EVEN IF YOU **ARE** MY DISAPPOINTED SUITOR, YOU WOULD WANT ME TO LOOK MY **BEST**, EH?

YOU ARE LAUGHING AT ME AGAIN! I **WARNED** YOU!



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Among THE CROWD OF MARDI GRAS VISITORS ARE CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY...



I JUST FRIGHTENED HER!
I WOULD NOT KILL LOUISA!
I LOVE HER TOO MUCH!

HE **TRIED** TO
KILL ME!

PLEASE
TAKE ME
AWAY!

DON'T TRY THAT
AGAIN, ANTOINE!
OR YOU'LL WIND
UP WITH YOUR
NECK IN A NOOSE!

I CANNOT THANK YOU
ENOUGH! I HOPE TO SEE
YOU AT THE MARDI GRAS!
I AM TO BE THE QUEEN!

WE'LL
BE
THERE!

Later IN A HOTEL
ROOM!

HEY, STEVE, THE QUEEN
WILL BE WEARING THE
REAL EMPRESS JOSEPHINE
JEWELS! THEY'RE SUPPOSED
TO BE WORTH A FORTUNE!

YOU'RE THE
FIRST RABBIT
I EVER SAW WHO
COULD READ!
YOU'LL BE A
SENSATION
AT THE MARDI
GRAS!

THIS RABBIT COSTUME
IS FUN! BUT **YOU**
STILL WON'T PUT ON
ANOTHER OUTFIT, EH?

THIS ONE IS
GOOD ENOUGH
FOR ME! AND IF
WE'RE IN THE
PARADE, WE CAN
KEEP A CLOSER WATCH
ON THE FLOAT!

HAT NIGHT, CARES ARE FORGOTTEN AS
THE STREETS OF NEW ORLEANS ECHO TO
THE JOYOUS SHOUTS OF THE MARDI GRAS!

WE'VE WALKED A
MILE ALREADY! I
FEEL SILLIER
EVERY MINUTE!

KEEP YOUR EYES
ON LOUISA,
JUST IN CASE!



SUDDENLY!

CAP! I DON'T
FEEL SO
GOOD!

WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

I'M DIZZY! MY
LEGS FEEL LIKE
THEY'RE GOING
OFF IN ALL
DIRECTIONS!

OH! SHE'S DEAD!

TAKE A
REST, BUCKY!
THAT'S MY
CUE!

MY BEAUTIFUL
LOUISA! SHE'S
MURDERED!

CAPTAIN AMERICA PUSHES
THROUGH THE CROWD GATHERED
AROUND THE QUEEN'S FLOAT,
and...

I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED
IF YOU WERE RIGHT!



SHE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT!
HMM! AND THESE JEWELS
AREN'T
THE
REAL
ONES!

THERE IS ANTOINE!
HE KILLED HER!



SOCK!

YOU HAVE CAUGHT
HIM! THE MURDERER
OF MY POOR
LOUISA!

I'D STILL LIKE TO
KNOW HOW HE
DID IT? IS A
DOCTOR
EXAMINING
HER?

NO QUESTION OF IT!
SHE DIED OF POTASSIUM
CYANIDE POISONING —
ADMINISTERED AS A GAS!

BUT, DOCTOR, THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE
WAS NEAR ENOUGH
TO...

BUCKY! **YOU**
HERE? BUT
I THOUGHT...

I FEEL BETTER NOW
AND I FOUND A PIECE
OF EVIDENCE THAT
MIGHT INTEREST YOU!



THIS IS JUST A COLLAPSED
BALLOON!

SMELL IT, CAP! THERE'S
A FAINT ODOR OF
ALMONDS! **THAT'S**
THE SMELL OF
POTASSIUM CYANIDE!

A BALLOON FILLED WITH
POISONOUS GAS, AND
EXPLODED JUST AHEAD
OF THE QUEEN'S FLOAT!
THAT'S OUR MURDER
WEAPON, BUCKY! AND IT
EXPLAINS WHY **YOU** GOT
SO DIZZY WHEN THE
FUMES WERE CARRIED
BACK TO YOU!

I DIDN'T SMELL THEM
BECAUSE THEY JUST
BARELY REACHED **YOU**!
YOU WERE SAVED BECAUSE
THE AIR DISSIPATED THE
GAS **BEFORE** IT BECAME
TOO STRONG!

BUT **SHE** GOT THE
FULL EFFECT AND
IT KILLED HER!



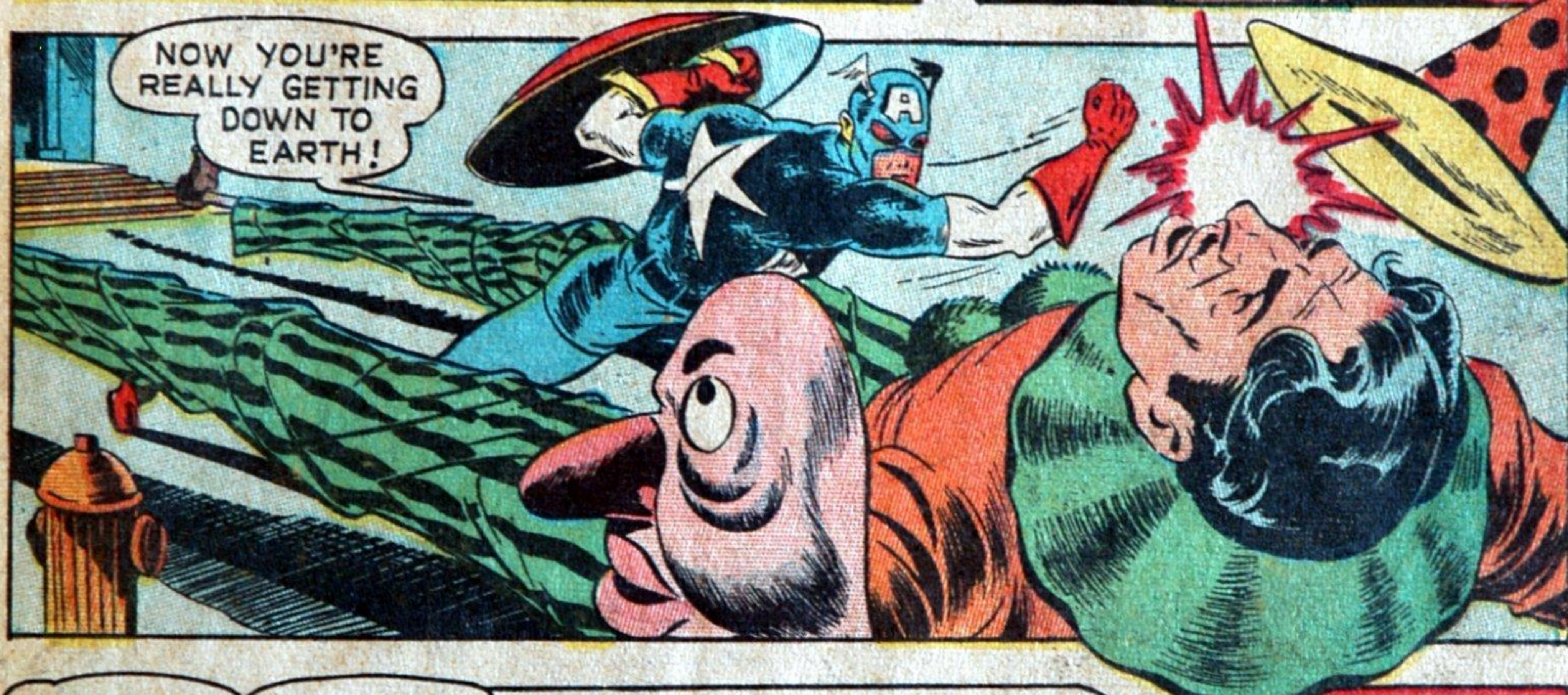
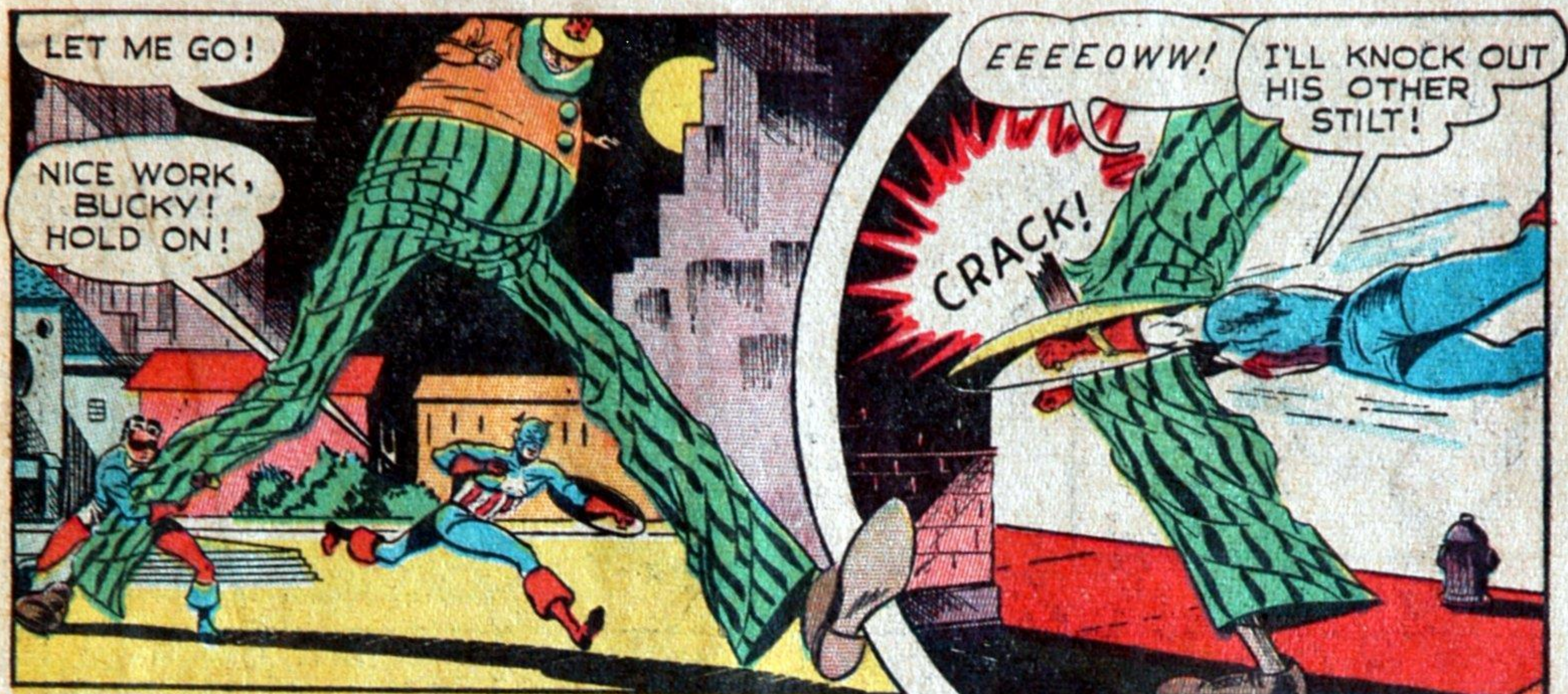
WHY SHOULD
I KILL HER?

YOU WERE THE ONLY
ONE **AHEAD** OF THE
FLOAT! AND I
REMEMBER THAT
YOU CARRIED A
BALLOON,
CAESAR!

NO! LOUISA LOVED
ME! WE WERE TO
BE MARRIED!

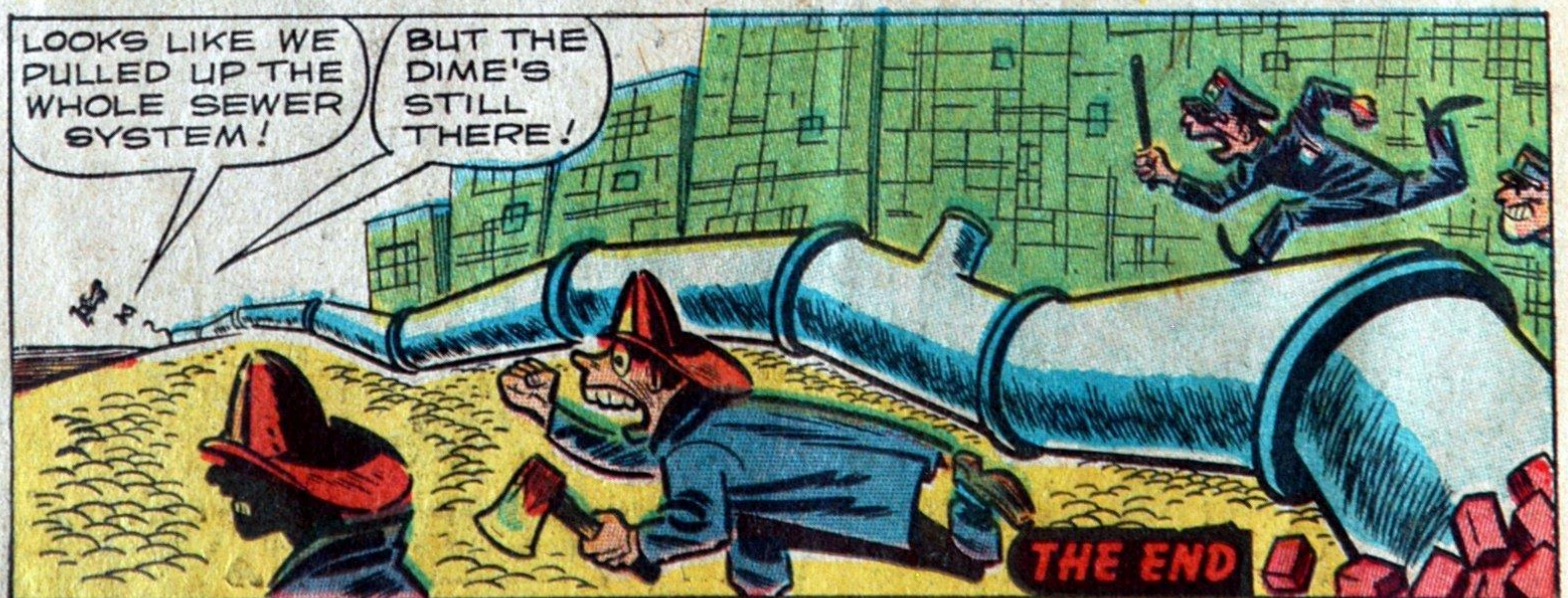
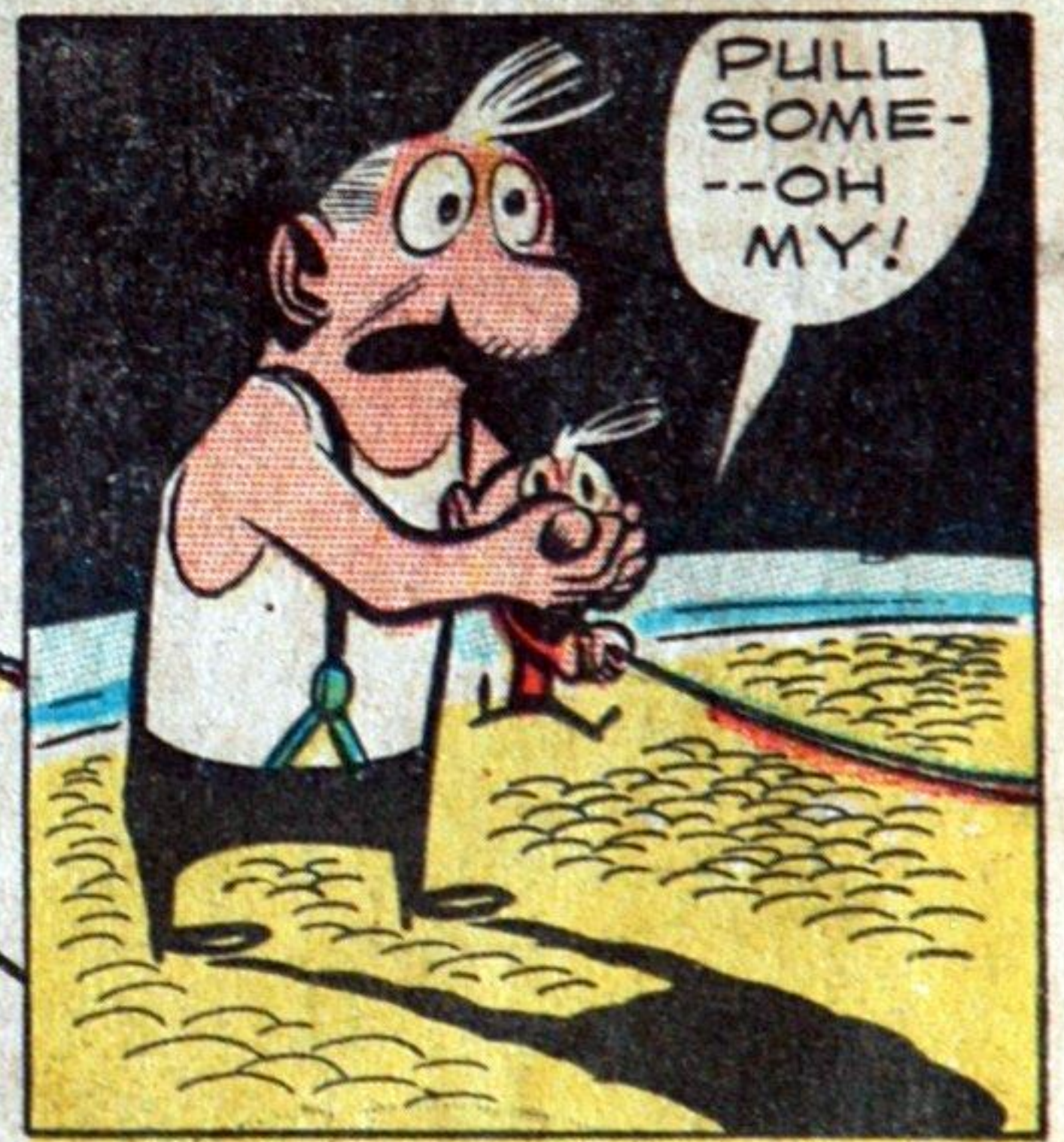
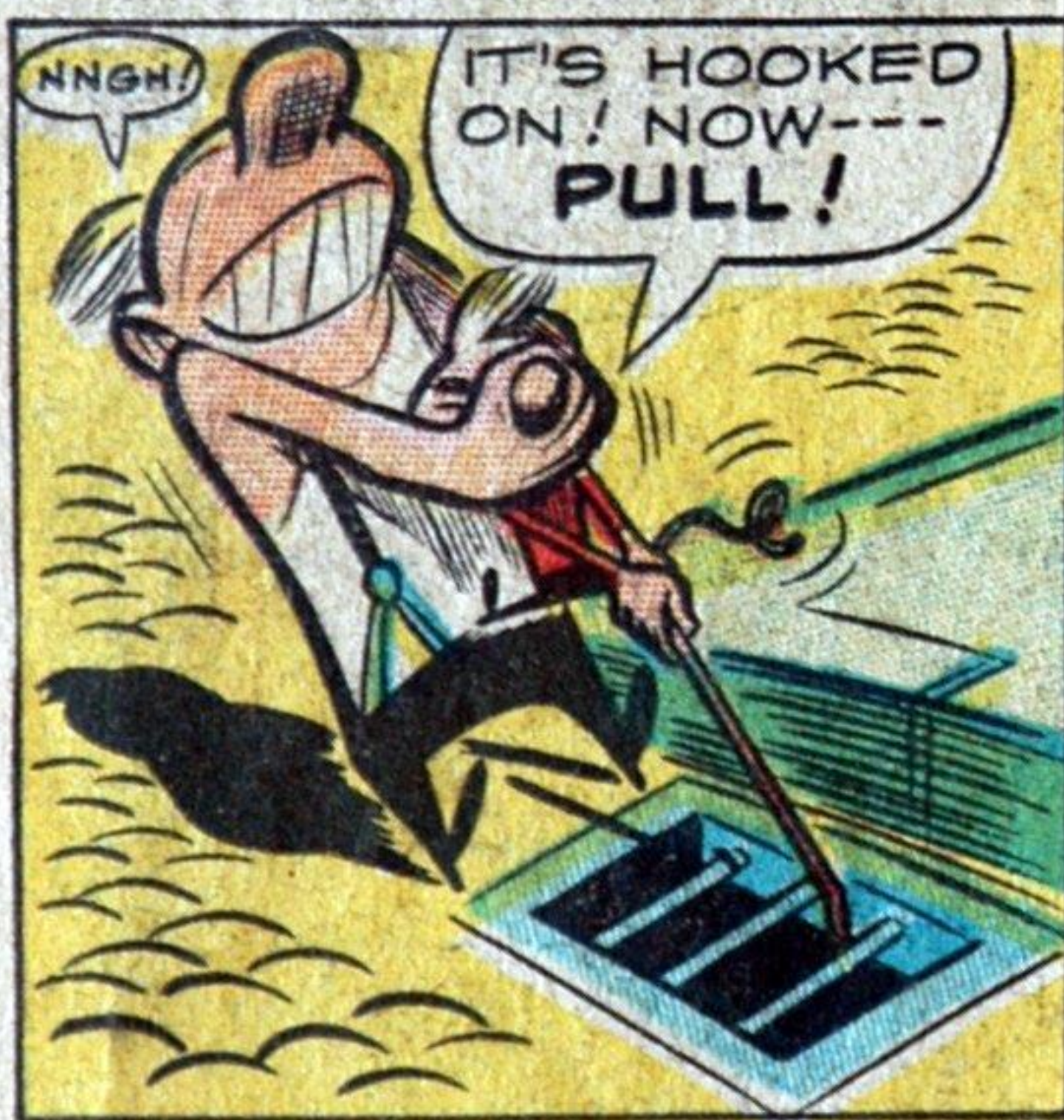
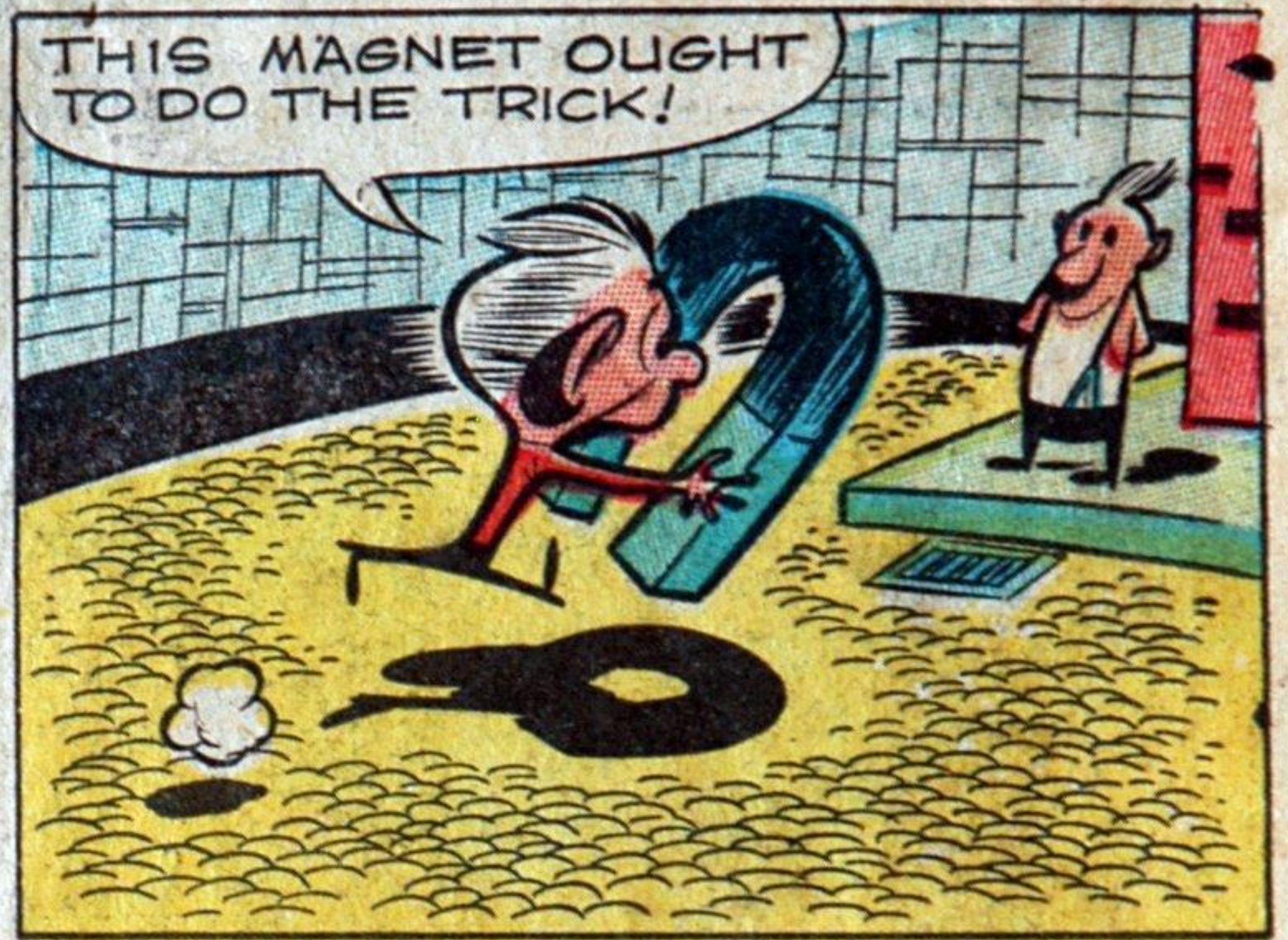
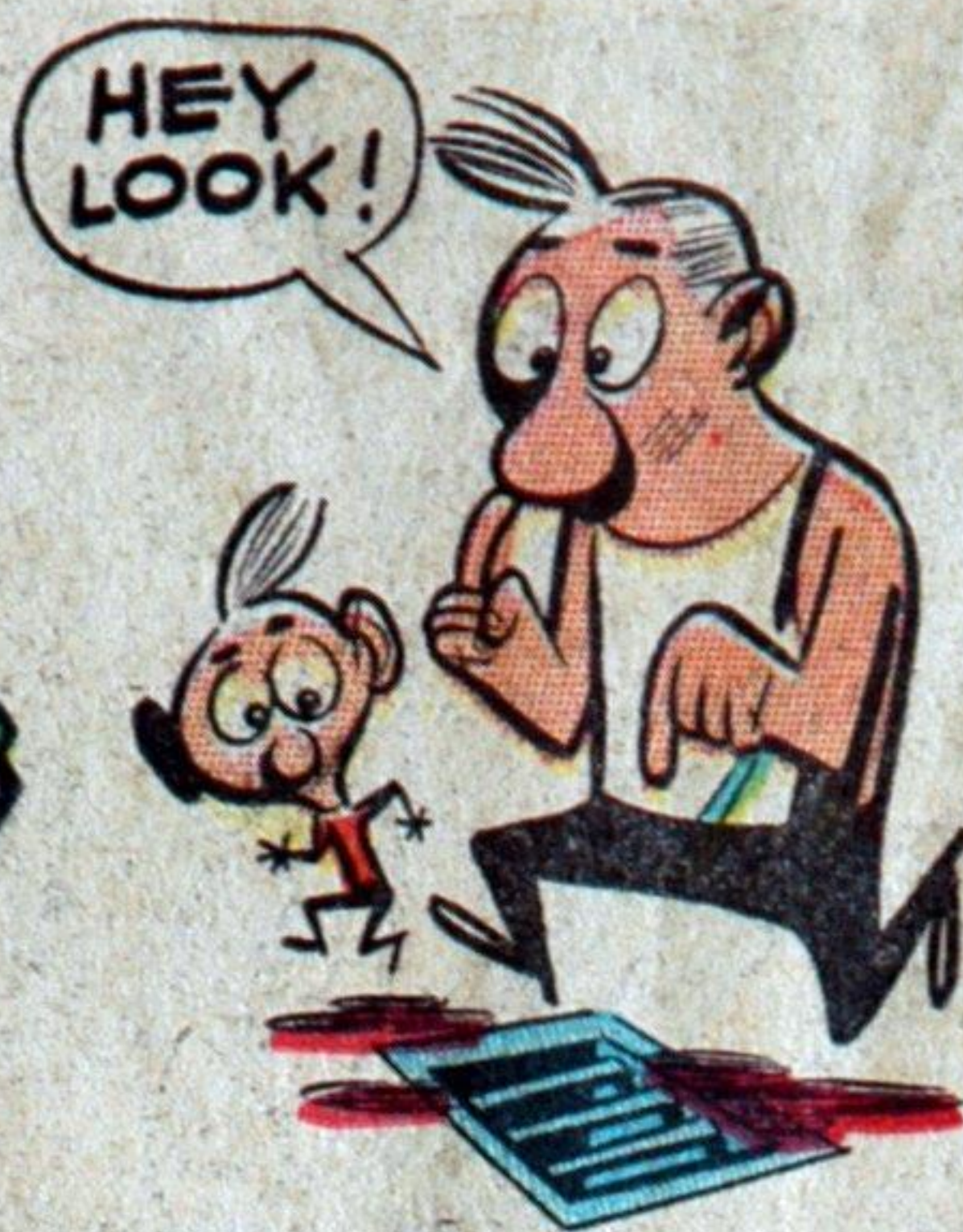
I CAN THINK OF
ONE GOOD REASON!
JEWELS THAT BELONGED
TO THE EMPRESS!
JOSEPHINE! I'LL
WAGER YOU KNOW
WHERE THEY ARE
RIGHT NOW! THE
JEWELS SHE WAS
WEARING
WERE
PASTE!





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By Kent B. Stiles

A geography and an encyclopedia are essential tools for the stamp collector who would intelligently pursue his hobby. The newest among the titles of stamp-issuing administrations is "Tokelau Islands." The answers to the question "What and where are the Tokelau Islands?" probably could not have been correctly given by one in a million persons prior to a recent day when the postal authorities of New Zealand announced that, for the first time, special stamps are to be issued for use by the people who inhabit those islands.

That announcement caused collectors to do some research, because future stamp albums will provide spaces for these promised bits of postal paper: half-penny chocolate and violet, a village scene on Atafu; 1p brown and blue-green a hut on Nukunono; and 2p green and blue, a village scene on Fakaofo.

Atlases and other reference works show that Atafu, Nukunono and Fakaofo are tiny atolls lying 350 miles northeast of Samoa in the Pacific Ocean. Together they form the Tokelau (Union) Islands, seven miles square in area and with a population of about 2,000. Great Britain transferred Tokelau to New Zealand in 1926 and the islands have since been administered under the authority of Western Samoa, which is a territory controlled by New Zealand.

The Tokelau stamps are being printed in London, and it was stated at Wellington, capital of New Zealand, that the series would be made available probably in December, although it will be early in 1948 before the stamps are actually placed in use in the Tokelau Islands.

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THE WHITE VISION

IT happened in the Transvaal. The Transvaal is a land of blackness—black earth, black mines, and men black from the earth, the mines and the past. It is a rich land. But the native knows little of its richness. He mines the coal or the diamonds or the platinum or the gold, and all are equally black to him who is also black.

He troops to the mine in the dusk of the morning, troops homeward in the dusk of the night; so his life is covered by the grayness of the trek from work to work.

The natives of the village of Banya are no different from the natives of any other village in the Transvaal. They too are black, they too shout among themselves as they march homeward in the dying day, they too hold the superstitions of the wild African jungle.

The story was told to me by one of their number.

It was a musty night in late summer that they first heard the music. A blanket of darkness was falling slowly over the mountains, as it was falling over their lives, and the faint murmur of their voices echoed down the valley. Then quietly, splitting the amorphous tenor of their ways, came a strain of sound, sad, compelling, a whisper of the beyond.

They stopped to listen as the music went on, higher and higher, on and on, crying in sadness. At first, they did not care from

where it came. But when the piercing ache of it began to cut through, they searched for a meaning, and could find none.

It came from above, out of the air, and they knew no more.

So they continued their plodding homeward. And they told their wives and their children, and soon all the village was talking about the music which came from the air. Every night, as they slid homeward, there was the music. And every night they stopped to listen, until the music became for them a symbol of the unknown, the unreachable. Thus it achieved an acceptance of non-acceptance; they desired no knowledge when the knowledge finally was forthcoming.

One of the younger men had lingered on after the others. It was a hot night, the end of the week, and of all, the music had disturbed him the most. When the valley settled back into its age-old fold of stillness, he lay against a tree and sat, thus, dreaming.

And so he was the first to see her, Mtytyisana, (the crazy one), as she was later called by the villagers.

It was as though she were a part of his dreaming, rising unheralded out of the blackness. Up in the air, where the music came from, suddenly there was a spot of white. A woman, a white woman, with bare legs and arms, wearing a white robe flowing free and long. Her face,

too, gleamed a pale opal in the darkness. And suddenly, the light cast by her body threw a light in the sky, and he could make out the form of a balcony set high on the crest of a mountain. She stood silently, the gold of her hair outlined against the black of the sky, and in her hands the rounded form of a violin.

He watched, awed, and when he went back to tell the villagers, they would not believe him, but said he had been struck by the heat, till one after another of the men reported how a woman in white with bare legs and arms was seen climbing down the mountainside.

Then all the Village began to whisper and to talk about the Mtytyisana. The children would gape if they saw her, and the young men would giggle, and the old women would shake their heads. Nobody had been known to speak to her, but many had seen her.

Always she wore the flowing white robe—like a priestess—and soon it was rumored that the robe was a magic robe and that the Mtytyisana was bewitched. The legend grew like a growing child. They said: "The Mtytyisana does not walk, as ordinary humans, but floats. She does not talk—but her words are as music. She does not work—yet she lives in a palace. Yes, the Mtytyisana cannot be real. She is a vision—come to bring light into

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the darkness of the Transvaal."

But one day, the children waylaid her at the foot of the mountain. They waited all morning, and all afternoon, until the time for the men to come home from the mine, before the Mtytyisana made her appearance. Then they followed her as far up the mountain as they could climb, and when they could climb no further, they threw rocks at her, and shouted, and called her foul names.

From that time on, there was no more music.

At first, they talked a good deal in the homes about how the music had stopped. But it was soon forgotten by the old men and the women and the children. Only the boys, with the romance of youth, could not so easily lay aside the vision of the white woman.

In the beginning, there was nothing but talk. Each of the young men knew exactly what he would do if he met the priestess for just one minute. Till finally, they made a dare. The first man to speak with the Mtytyisana would be paid for the work of an entire day by the rest of the group.

All the men of the village helped with the plans.

Late one night, they met at the foot of the mountain. The youth who was to climb was pounded on the back by each of his fellows, hands were shaken all around, there was a bit more giggling, and he started off up the mountain.

Those who were with him say that he reached the top. But what happened when he and the white woman came face to face, the village never discovered. For when he returned to his comrades, he was as silent as the valley itself.

Together, they returned to their homes. And never again was the Mtytyisana mentioned among them.

Thus would the legend of the white woman who wore a magic robe, climbed mountains and made music, have died—had it not been for the unexpected incidence of her illness. Her

maid came panting into the village one day looking for Vasachi, the herb woman. Vasachi was found, and taken to the bedside of the strange Mtytyisana.

When she came back to the village she told a weird tale of how the crazy one lay dying amid a splendor of whiteness, of how the tiny house, built on a ledge of the mountain was of brilliant white marble and glass, though it rocked in the wind on the very edge of nothing. She told how even the walls were white, the carpets, the floor. It was blinding, she said, the radiance which came, not only from the furnishings, but also from the woman herself. Only two things, she said, stood out sharply from the iridescence of the whole—the native maid, and the violin which bore music.

Vasachi reported, too, that the Mtytyisana was truly dying, that she had utilized all her remedies, but she knew that nothing would come of them. And she whispered mysteriously to the women how the Mtytyisana had foretold her own ending.

That night the young man of the dare came running frantically through the village. His gestures were wild, his breath wilder, as he pointed toward the river.

Everybody in the village woke. And, en masse, the entire village followed the youth to the side of the river where, far up-stream, the silver body of the Mtytyisana gleamed in the moon-light.

Nobody made a move to save the white woman, as if in common recognition of her destiny. But a fire was lit by the bank, and the villagers huddled round it, moaning the music which had first brought them to the legend of the Mtytyisana.

And as the music drifted down the river, so the whiteness blended into the blackness, bringing the Transvaal once more back into the realm of the familiar.

THE END SL-2203

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BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1933,
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(My commission expires March 30, 1949.)

BLONDE PHANTOM



FROM OUT OF THE MYSTERIOUS EAST COMES THE MENACING FIGURE OF THE SULTAN, TO PREY ON THE BEAUTIFUL RICH WOMEN OF AMERICA. BUT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF THEM ALL, THE **BLONDE PHANTOM**, TAKES A LEADING ROLE AS THE DARING DRAMA UNFOLDS WHEN...

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I MUST GET MONEY SOMEHOW! HAVE WE NO MORE PRISONERS TO BE RANSOMED?

OUR JAILS ARE EMPTY, O SULTAN!



AMERICA HAS MUCH MONEY! I WILL GO THERE WITH ZORO AND BLEFIR! WHAT MONEY THEY STEAL SHALL GO TO FILL MY TREASURY!



THE SULTAN WAS WELCOMED TO THE U.S.A.! EVERYWHERE HE WAS INVITED TO THE HOMES OF THE WEALTHY AND INTRODUCED TO THE MARRIAGEABLE DAUGHTERS! ZORO AND BLEFER KEPT BUSY TOO!

LATER, A COURTIER REPORTS TO HIS MASTER...

THE LAST OF OUR SLAVES IS SOLD, O SULTAN! HERE IS THE MONEY FROM THE SALE!

BY KROASTER! THAT IS SCARCELY ENOUGH TO PAY THE MORTGAGE ON MY CASTLE!



ONLY THE THIEVES, ZORO AND BLEFIR REMAIN! AND NO ONE WOULD RANSOM THEM!

IF I DIDN'T KEEP THOSE TWO IN JAIL, THEY'D STEAL THE CASTLE OUT FROM UNDER MY NOSE! BUT **THAT** GIVES ME AN IDEA!



AND, IN MARK MASON'S OFFICE...

THE LANETZ NECKLACE WAS STOLEN LAST NIGHT! TWO THIEVES RANSACKED THE HOUSE DURING A PARTY FOR THE SULTAN OF BANGOOK!





MARK, YOU WERE DICTATING A LETTER TO THE LANDLORD EXPLAINING **WHY** WE **CAN'T** PAY THE RENT THIS MONTH!

HMM. WHO'S THIS?



I NEED YOUR HELP! I'M ENGAGED TO MARION CARTER... OR I **WAS**! BUT NOW I'M AFRAID SHE'S GOING TO MARRY THE SULTAN OF BANGOOK!

THIS **ISN'T** A LONELY HEARTS BUREAU!



I WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT THE SULTAN REALLY IS LIKE! IF HE'S A RIGHT GUY, I'LL STEP OUT OF THE PICTURE! BUT IF HE ISN'T...

I GET IT! OKAY, I'LL TAKE THE JOB!

LATER... THERE'S A COMING-OUT PARTY TONIGHT FOR THAT YOUNG FELLOW'S GIRL, MARION CARTER! THE SULTAN WILL BE THERE AND SO WILL I!



THIEVES ROBBED **ONE** MANSION WHERE THE SULTAN WAS BEING ENTERTAINED! THEY MAY TRY THE SAME TRICK AGAIN!

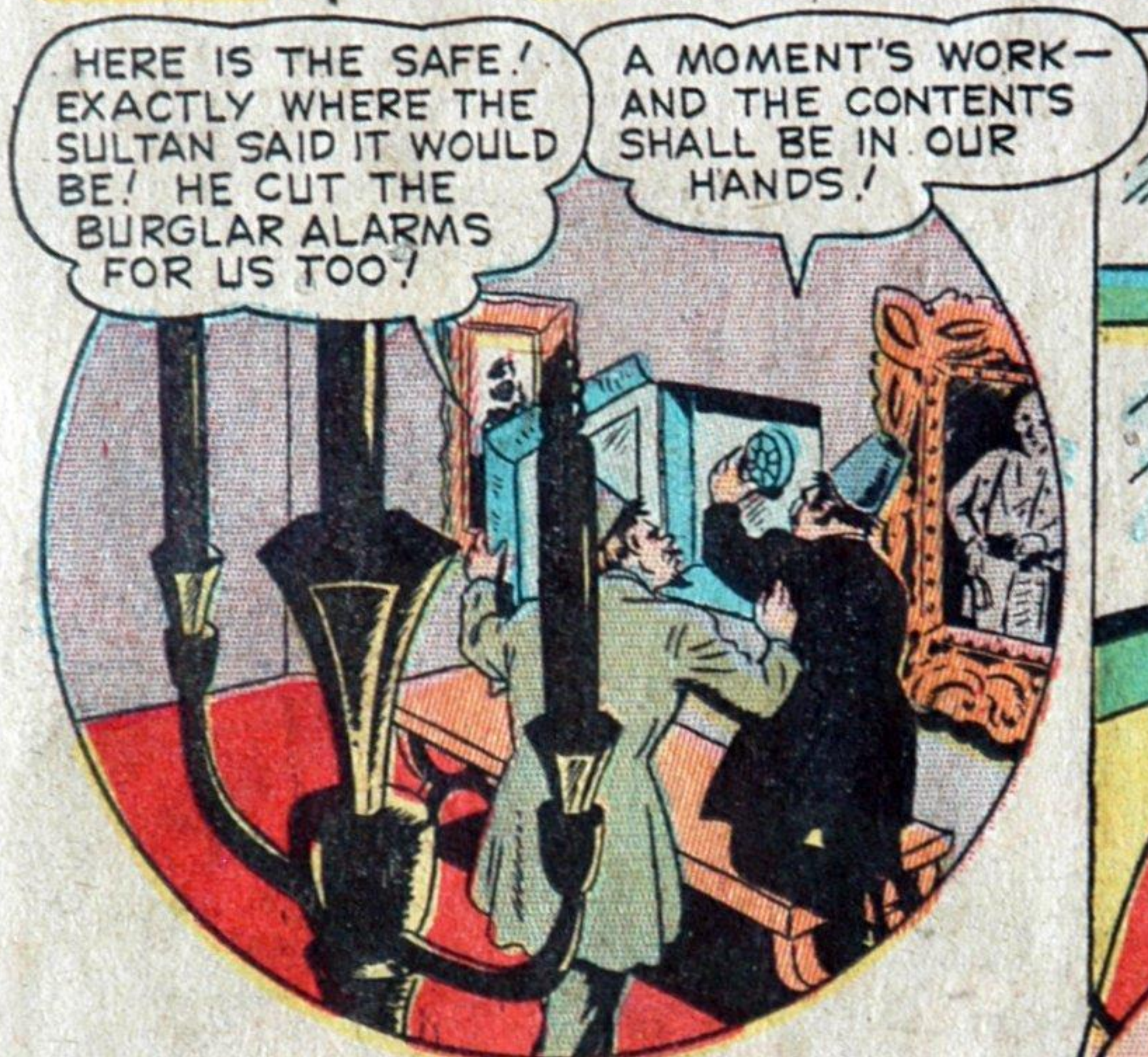
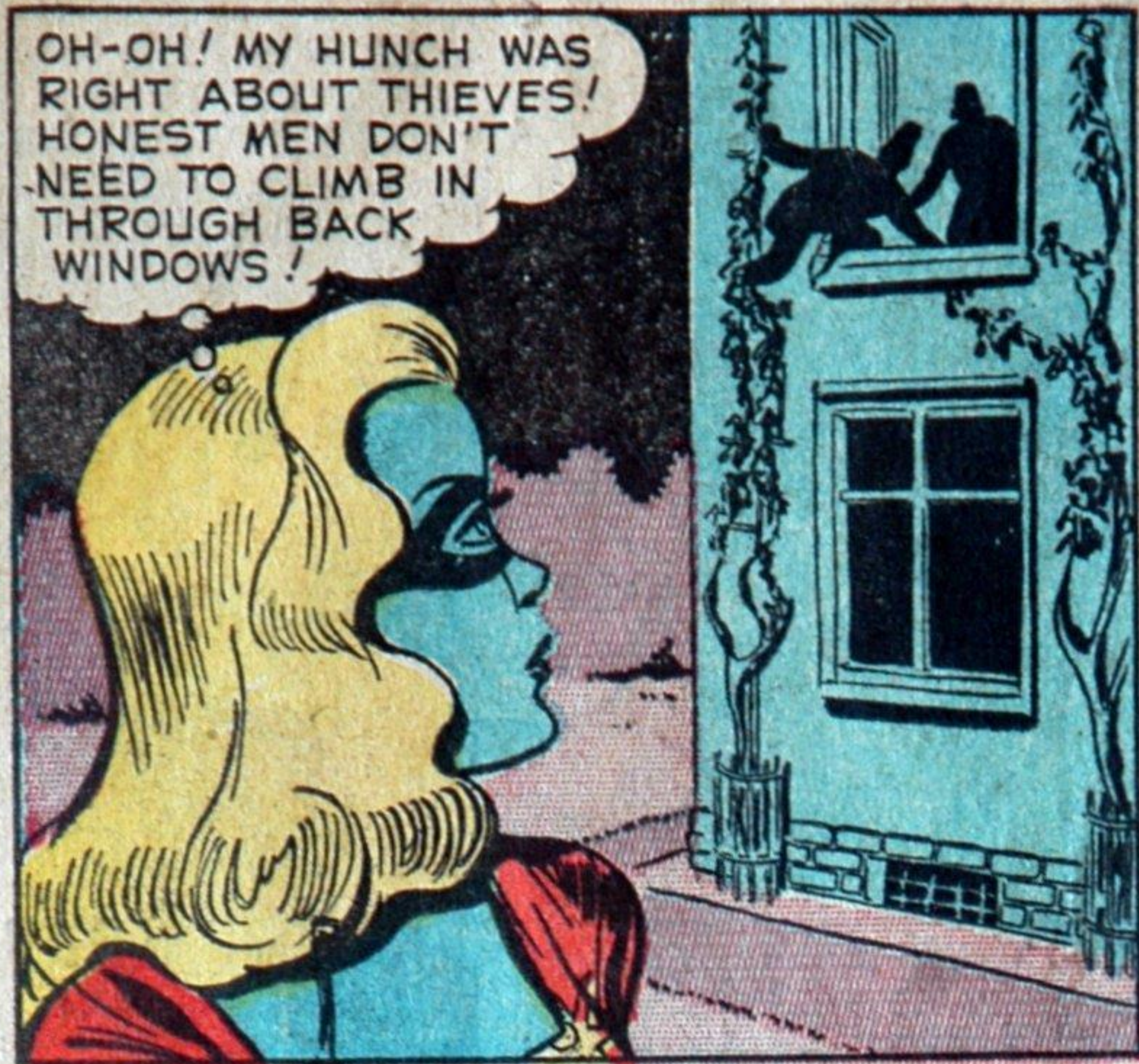
LATER THAT NIGHT...



THERE'S THE SULTAN NOW! AND HE'S WITH MARION CARTER!



HE HAS A WAY WITH THE WOMEN ALL RIGHT!







IN MARK MASON'S OFFICE, ONE WEEK LATER...



I CHECKED UP ON HIM AND HE'S THE **GENUINE** SULTAN OF BANGOOK! THAT'S ALL I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIND OUT!



IT'S **NOT** ENOUGH! FROM NOW ON I'M HANDLING THIS CASE **MY OWN WAY!**



I'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON THAT YOUNG FELLOW, OR HE MAY GET INTO TROUBLE! I'M JUST AS SUSPICIOUS OF THE SULTAN AS HE IS!

GODD-BYE!



IN THE SULTAN OF BANGOOK'S APARTMENT...

WE HAVE DONE WELL IN THIS COUNTRY, O SULTAN!



OUR... ER... **...BUSINESS** VENTURES HAVE SHOWN A GREAT PROFIT! IT IS FITTING THAT WE SHOULD CELEBRATE WITH THIS BANQUET!

BUT BLEFIR AND I CANNOT HELP BEING DISTURBED BY THESE REPORTS THAT YOU WILL MARRY THE YOUNG HEIRESS MARION CARTER! IS IT THE TRUTH?



SHE IS A PRETTY LITTLE ONE! BUT I AM INTERESTED ONLY IN HER **MONEY!**

SO!



THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, YOU TEN CENT STORE CASANOVA! I'LL TEACH YOU TO BREAK MY GIRL'S HEART!



EH! HAVE YOU GONE MAD?

I'LL SHOW YOU HOW **MAD** I AM!



THE IMPUDENT ONE
SHALL PAY!



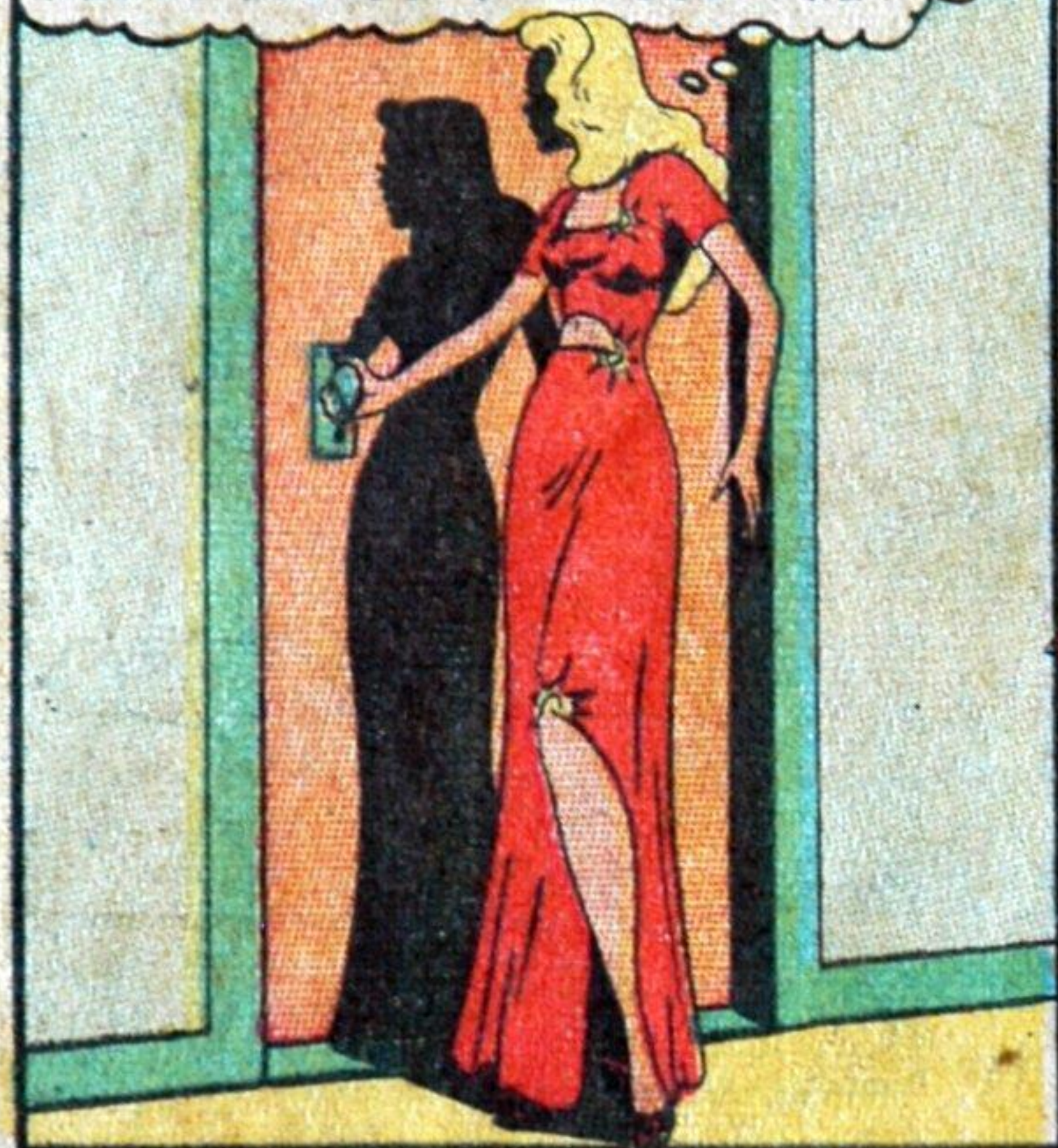
THE PENALTY FOR STRIKING THE SULTAN OF
BANGOOK IS **DEATH!** IN MY COUNTRY YOU WOULD
DIE BY THE SLOW TORTURE OF A THOUSAND CUTS!
HERE I WILL BE MORE MERCIFUL! YOU WILL DIE
QUICKLY!



WELL, WHAT D'YA KNOW?
MY THIEVING FRIENDS
ARE HERE, TOO!



THAT YOUNG FOOL DISGUISED
HIMSELF AS A WAITER, AND WENT
INTO THE SULTAN'S APARTMENT! I
HEARD SOUNDS OF A SCUFFLE!



NOW I UNDERSTAND THE
SET-UP! **YOU** AND THE
SULTAN WORK **TOGETHER!**

YOU WILL **NEVER**
TELL ANYONE!



A COWARDLY BLOW
FROM BEHIND...



I'LL KILL YOU—
OOOOF!



OHNNH!



WHEN THE BLONDE PHANTOM RECOVERS...

WH-WHERE AM I?

A FEW MOMENTS FROM ETERNITY! I BID YOU A LAST FAREWELL! WE MUST LEAVE YOU TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT AT THE CARTER MANSION!



AT LEAST YOU WILL NOT BE ALONE IN DEATH! HA-HA!

THE CAR! THEY'RE PUSHING IT INTO THE RIVER!

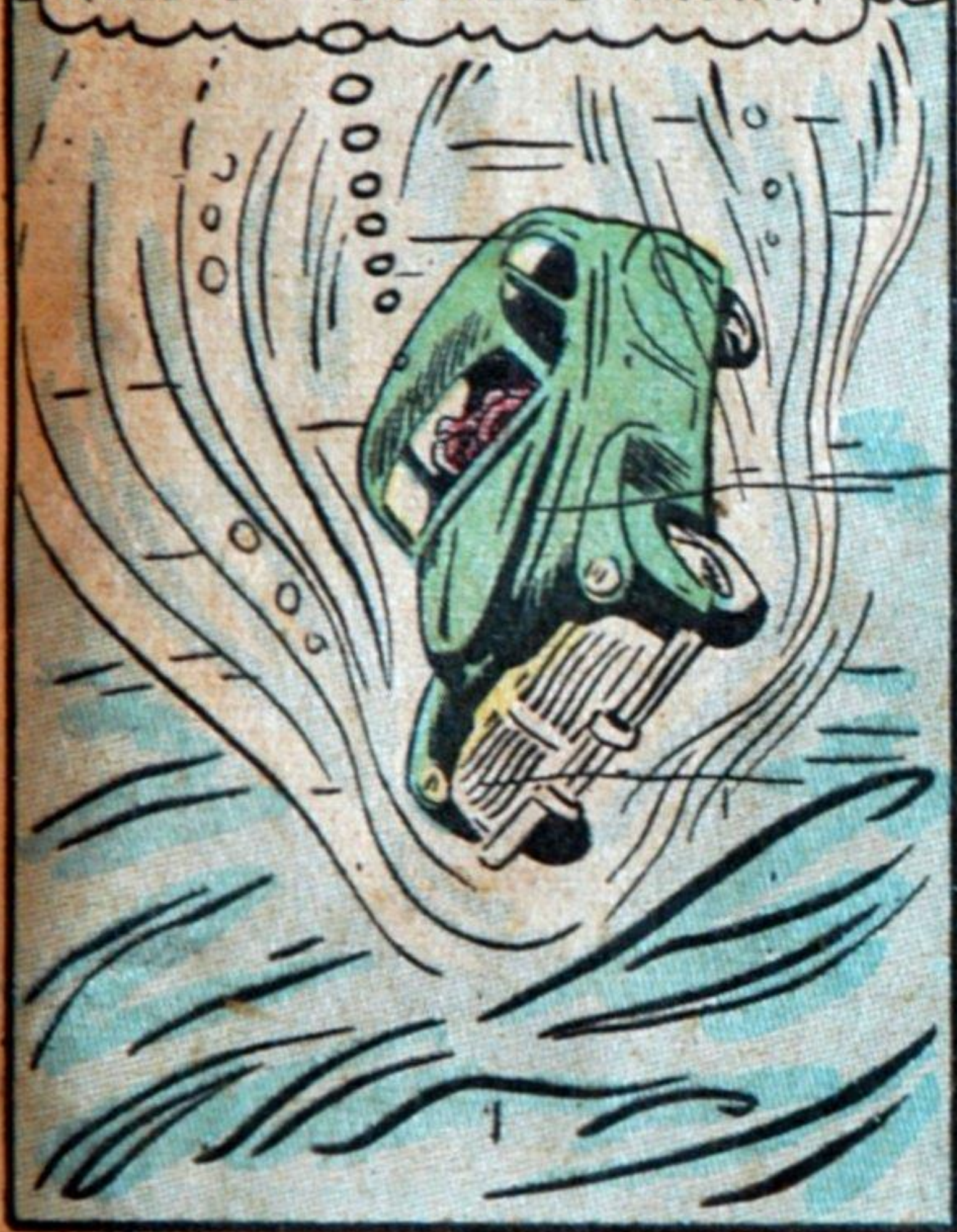


AS THE CAR SETTLES HEAVILY TO THE RIVER BOTTOM, THE CRASH SHATTERS A WINDOW PANE!

A LUCKY BREAK! I'D NEVER HAVE GOTTEN FREE IN TIME!



I'VE GOT TO UNTIE THESE ROPES QUICKLY—OR WE'LL DROWN!



I COULDN'T... HAVE... LASTED... ANOTHER MINUTE!



MINUTES LATER...

I'M ALL RIGHT NOW, THANKS TO YOU!

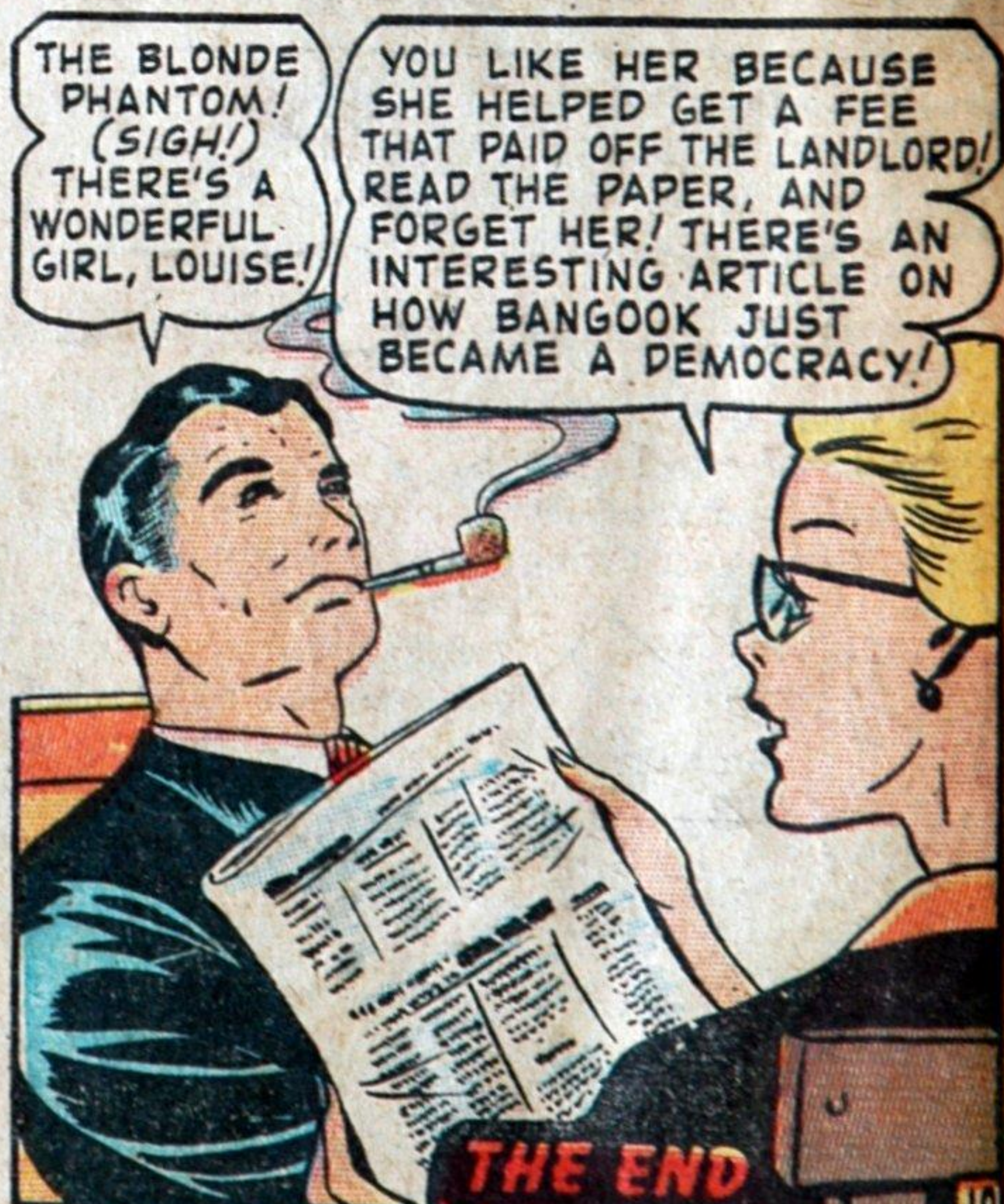
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